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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment A** with the (clean) paragraph as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the original paragraphs is shown in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 37-39. Please cancel these claims.

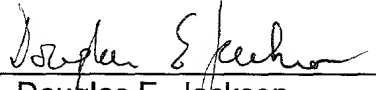
**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, various clarifying corrections have been made in the specification. In the claims, claims 37-39 have been deleted.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Clean Replacement Paragraphs

*At the following locations, replace the previously provided paragraph with the following clean paragraph(s).*

*Page 8, lines 18-26.*

The probe comprises a cylindrical section and tip and, preferably, incorporates a filter (not shown), more preferably a filter having a movable filter section as more particularly described in the Applicant's concurrently filed application Serial No. (attorney docket no. P07239US00), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Such a movable filter section causes movement of the effective filtering portion over time, thus reducing the possibility of clogging. As shown, schematically in Fig. 3, a motor drive unit may be provided on the base unit for driving the moving filter assembly.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Marked Up Replacement Paragraphs

*At the following locations, a marked up copy of the replaced paragraph is provided.*

*Page 8, lines 18-26.*

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